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SUBJ: CONTINUING STUDENT UNREST

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1. STUDENT TROUBLES (SEE REFTEL) HAVE EASED OFF SINCE LAST WEEK. ABSENTEEISM AT UNIVERSITY IS STILL RUNNING HIGH, BUT MOST SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE RETURNED TO CLASSES. BOTH GOVERNMENT AND STUDENTS HAVE AVOIDED DIRECT FACE-OFF, BUT SITUATION REMAINS UNCERTAIN.

2. LAST WEEK'S STRIKE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS (CEGS) DID NOT APPARENTLY SPREAD OUTSIDE CAPITAL. MOSG CEG STUDENTS NOW IN CLASSES, COAXED BACK BY POLICE INTIMIDATION, ANGRY PARENTS, AND GENUINE FEAR THAT CEGS WERE NEXT IN LINE TO BE CLOSED. HOWEVER, MANY TEACHERS NOW COMPLAINING ABOUT BREAKDOWN OF CLASSROOM ORDER-FAILURE TO BRING BOOKS, PREPARE LESSONS, AND DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS. MOUNTED POLICE STILL PRESENT AT SOME SCHOOLS, BUT MILITARY OTHER-
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WISE KEEPING LOW PROFILE.

3. PARTIAL STRIKE AT UNIVERSITY CONTINUES. FOREIGN STUDENTS-- A MAJORITY AT UNIVERSITY--ARE TAKING LITTLE ROLE IN BOYCOTT, AND MANY THIRD-YEAR NIGERIEN STUDENTS ARE RETURNING TO CLASSES. GON NEWS BLACKOUT ON STRIKE HAS ADDED TO OVERALL CONFUSION AND MADE FERTILE GROUND FOR RUMORS. AMONG THEM--RUMORS OF

SYMPATHY STRIKES BY NI RIEN STUDENTS IN UPPER VOLTA AND TOGO,
REPORTS OF NEW ARRESTS, STORIES THAT STIPENDS OF QTRIKING STUDENTS
IN PERIL, AND IN WORST CASE--THAT UNIVERSITY TO CLOSE. STUDENT
DEMANDS ARE NOT KNOWN, BUT CERTAINLY INCLUDE RELEASE OF STUDENTS
REPORTEDLY DETAINED, AND REOPENING OF LYCEES.

4. STUDENTS' OPTIONS NOW APPEAR FEWER THAN WHEN STRIKE BEGAN.
PASSIVE BOYCOTT SEEMS TO BE LOSING STEAM AS GON DENIES PUBLICITY
WITH NEWS BLACKOUT. ALTHOUGH DISCONTENTMENT RUNNING HIGH AMONG
STUDENTS, TIME MAY HAVE PASSED WHEN THEY WILL RISK CONFRONTING
GOVERNMENT MORE DIRECTLY. DAVISON

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